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TRANSIT

Complaints against texting TTC drivers down, but still...

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A Toronto bus driver caught holding his cellphone behind the wheel last week isn't the only TTC employee to spark complaints about distracted driving.

Eighty-three complaints about drivers texting or using phones have been filed via the TTC's online complaint system this year, according to data obtained by Metro through a freedom of information request.

There were 133 similar complaints in 2015 and 131 in 2014. But that's way down from 597 complaints in 2010 and 311 in 2011.

The TTC couldn't immediately say how many drivers have faced disciplinary action as a result of complaints.

"Every one of them would have been investigated and if any of them showed that someone was operating a vehicle (while distracted) that's one too many," TTC spokesman Stuart Green told Metro.

Distracted driving is dealt with on a case-by-case basis and could end in a driver being fired, he added.

A YouTube video of the driver caught with his cellphone last week sparked outrage from riders on social media. The TTC is investigating, but Green would not say if the driver has been disciplined.

Video of a TTC bus driver using a smartphone while at the wheel surfaced last week. SCREENSHOT/YOUTUBE

Ontario passed distracted driving laws in 2009, and the TTC has a separate agreement with the drivers' union prohibiting cellphone use while driving.

The union agreement came into effect "around 2011," which Green said could explain why the number of complaints plummeted that year.

Bob Kinnear, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, did not immediately return requests for comment.

Pedestrian advocate and Walk Toronto member Maureen Coyle said it's completely unacceptable for TTC drivers to be distracted.

"If you're driving a vehicle, it has the potential to kill someone," she said. "And if you're driving for transportation of other people then the burden of responsibility is that much greater."

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Art allows victims to be heard

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Woman creates pop-up to tell painful stories like her own

Gilbert Ngabo
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A new project is using art to spark a fresh dialogue about sexual violence.

Sexual Assault: The Roadshow is turning a shipping container into a pop-up art show and workshop space set to tour 15 cities across Ontario over the next three years. It's in Toronto through Sunday at Nathan Phillips Square.

Working with artists and community activists, survivors of sexual assault will create and exhibit art that tells a snippet of their stories.

"The things we are doing now, they are not working," said project director Jane Doe, who is from Toronto. "We encourage women to come forward, but the conviction rate is at one per cent. Women are vilified; there's stigma and shaming for putting your life on trial."

Part of what she's doing stems from her own experience. Having been a victim of rape back in 1986, Doe sued the police for mishandling her case. After a battle that lasted more than a decade, she won the case, and the trial led to drastic changes in how police handle rape cases.

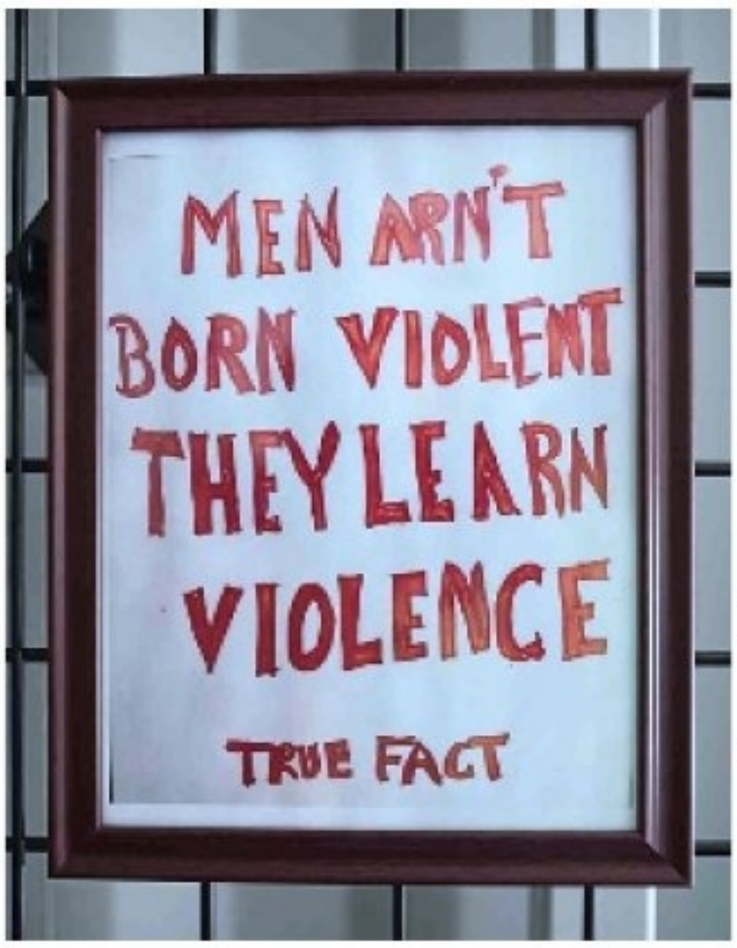
But even today, Doe says, the nature of sexual assault as a crime is misunderstood.

"Law and order is not the answer," she said.

Through her art project, Doe is trying to create a space where survivors can truly make their voices heard — exploring resistance, subversion, trauma, pain, hope and joy in a way that makes the public think differently.

> **Law and order is not the answer.**
> Jane Doe

"Art speaks where words cannot," she said, noting the end goal is to create a big exhibition where all the art will be showcased permanently. "It's a transformative experience for these women, and it gives them a chance to talk back."



Some of the artwork created so far as part of Sexual Assault: The Roadshow, fresh off stops in Hamilton and Ohsweken. The pop-up space will be at Nathan Phillips Square through Sunday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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LAWSUIT

City failed tenants, Appeal Court rules

The City of Toronto is financially liable for failing to alert a group of vulnerable rooming-house tenants that they were entitled to rent reductions, Ontario's top court ruled Monday.

In its decision on the class-action suit, the Court of Appeal found the city had been negligent and breached the standard of care owed the west-end tenants.

"The city knew intimately the situations of the class members and the nature and extent of their particular vulnerabilities," the Appeal Court found.

Terence Williams is the lead plaintiff in the class action. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The case arose in 2003, when changes at the provincial level lowered property tax rates for rooming houses. The legislation required landlords to lower rents and municipalities to provide notices of the rent reduction to affected landlords and tenants. However, Toronto failed to send out the notices to tenants of certain rooming houses in Parkdale.

One tenant, Terence Williams, launched a class action for damages on the grounds that affected renters between 2003 and 2008 had overpaid.

In January, Superior Court Justice Paul Perell agreed the city had been negligent by failing to notify the affected tenants.

The city appealed on several grounds, arguing among other things that it did let the tenants know — in 2009 — about the property tax changes.

In siding with the tenants, however, the Appeal Court found the notification provided too little information too late.

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STRATEGY

More library branches to open on Sundays

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

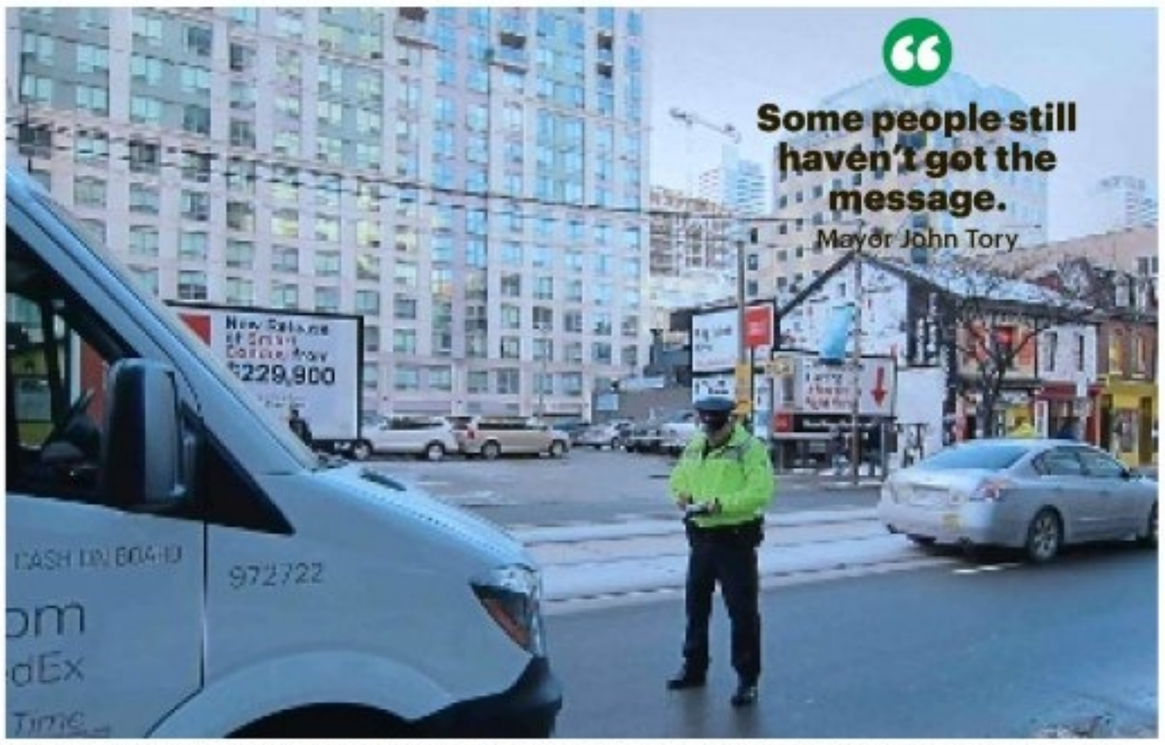
Toronto Public Library is opening more branches on Sundays.

The Bridlewood, Centennial, Fort York, Mount Dennis, Runnymede and Scarborough Civic Centre sites have joined the list of spots offering additional weekend hours as part of the city's poverty-reduction strategy.

The library introduced year-round Sunday service at a few branches earlier this year, responding to the needs of families, entrepreneurs and small business owners looking for access during non-traditional hours.

The move has proven popular, making the expansion a logical next step.

"People always tell us they want to visit the library on Sundays, a day when many of us may have a little more down time," said Moe Hosseini-Ara, the library's director of branch operations and customer experience.



Officers gave out fewer tickets last week than the previous rush-hour blitz last October, according to police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

We have a 'long way to go': Mayor

GRIDLOCK

Nearly 300 vehicles towed in rush-hour traffic blitz

2,183,523
Parking tickets issued in Toronto in 2015.

Mayor John Tory said Monday that he believes the city is making progress in tackling gridlock, but some drivers still haven't got the message about not obstructing busy downtown streets.

The mayor made the comments following a four-day enforcement blitz by Toronto police last week that targeted drivers who block rush-hour routes in the city's core.

According to police, over the course of the initiative, which focused on the area bounded by Bloor St., Front St., Parliament St. and Dufferin St., officers issued 1,467 tickets and towed 298 vehicles.

The crackdown between last Tuesday and Friday was the third such blitz police have carried out since January 2015, when Tory announced a zero-tolerance policy for blocking rush-hour routes.

Speaking to reporters at the intersection of Front and York Sts. on Monday morning, Tory said the high number of tags and tows showed that "we're making some progress" on improving traffic conditions, "but that we've got a long way to go."

Tory, who made fighting gridlock a central plank of his 2014 mayoral campaign, said "it's obvious that some people still haven't got the message in terms of changing their behaviours."

The mayor didn't provide any empirical evidence that the crackdowns have helped alleviate congestion. But he stated stepped-up enforcement would serve as a strong deterrent to drivers who illegally block streets.

According to the police, officers gave out fewer tickets last week than the previous rush hour blitz, which took place over five days last October. During that crackdown police issued 2,078 tickets and towed 406 vehicles.

Between January and August of this year, police gave out 54,206 tickets for rush hour offences and towed 12,595 vehicles. That's fewer than the 56,494 tickets they issued over the same period in 2015, but they towed fewer cars during the first eight months of last year — a total of 11,234.

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RECREATION

Parents still face glitches

Despite improvements to an outdated system for signing up for fall and winter recreation programs, parents still reported headaches online while registering their kids over the weekend.

As registration opened Saturday morning, an unexpected glitch meant some users got an error message when they tried to log in — a problem that affected less than 10 per cent of users, the city's parks, forestry and recreation division said.

City spokesperson Matthew Cutler said that by 7:30 a.m., a half hour after registration opened, the problem was resolved. "We are taking it seriously and continue to investigate to ensure it doesn't remain an issue for the next three days of registration," he said in an email Saturday.

The problems followed a Thursday news conference by Mayor John Tory officially announcing interim improvements to the system, some of them specifically meant to cut down how long it would take users to complete registration.

Though the city did increase server capacity for this round of registration in hopes of speeding up the experience for parents, Cutler explained that some of the websites to which user traffic was directed failed almost immediately.

Those sites were eventually taken offline and users were redirected to working websites, .

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"We are taking it seriously and continue to investigate."
Matthew Cutler

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Festival revives Ontario Place

EVENTS

Artists of all stripes take over waterfront for 11 days

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Ontario Place is coming alive again.

For 11 days starting Thursday, more than 60 artists will cover the waterfront park with a variety of installations — including sculptures, photography and paintings — with a healthy mix of dancing and music by bands from around the world.

It's part of the In/Future festival, which seeks to revitalize the landscape that's been closed to the public since 2011.

"There will be a little something for everyone," said festival founder and co-curator Layne Hinton.

People can choose from more than 45 musical and stage performances. Moviegoers can pick from a list of more 40 contemporary films plus an exclusive six vintage IMAX films made in the 1970s, some of which have never been seen anywhere else.

There will also be special workshops designed for kids and families, especially on the weekends.

"The entire 14-acre island just feels like a beautiful natural public park space, and that's what we want to help people to explore," Hinton said. The emphasis has been on giving local artists and arts organizations a platform to showcase their talents on a bigger stage, she said, noting the majority of artists represent the GTA.

Organizers hope visitors will revive memories of how Ontario Place looked before it was closed, especially the multiculturalism that characterized programming at the facilities.

"It'll probably feel familiar and nostalgic to some, but there are definitely new animations and a different interpretation of art," said Hinton.

"This is a temporary transformation of the area, but I hope it'll reflect what could happen in the future at the site."

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Airbnb hosts enter regulation debate

PROPERTY OWNERS

Erica Helmer depends on extra income for 'security blanket'

May Warren
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As the discussion around regulating Airbnb heats up in Toronto, people who rent out spare rooms on the site are watching closely — some worried that too much red tape could eat into the income they're generating (and depending on).

Erica Helmer regularly rents out her Etobicoke basement on the site and called the extra money she gets "a security blanket."

"Cost of living is so high there really is no room for error in my regular income," she said, noting she's averaged about $1,200 a month this summer.

Numbers released last week by Airbnb show the city's 8,600 hosts are pocketing, on average, about $4,400 a year — enough to make life a little more comfortable for any strained Torontonian.

In an effort to address their effects on hotels and affordable housing stock, other cities have recently adopted regulations of short-term rental sites, especially for hosts who rent out multiple units or entire homes.

Berlin, for example, recently passed a law against renting entire homes or apartments on short-term rental sites such as Airbnb.

That's a model Helmer doesn't support.

"I just don't think it's fair to tell people what they can and cannot do and how they can profit from their own properties," she said.

Ahsan Memon doesn't want to see anything that would prevent him from renting out space. But, at least some regulation, he said, could go a long away.

He's been renting out a couch in his condo through Airbnb for about three years. He recently had a bad experience when he rented out his entire apartment and returned to find it "trashed."

Creating a framework that allows for an intermediary to intervene when there are problems could be a good thing, he said.

Leslieville Airbnb host Ben d'Avernas said he's following the regulation discussion "with fear and trepidation."

So far, he's had a positive experience as a host and doesn't want to see city red tape get in the way.

"We regulate ourselves anyway," he said.

Erica Helmer said she counts on the extra income from renting her Etobicoke basement on Airbnb to afford the high cost of living in Toronto. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

STUDENTS

School bus delays continue

Halton parents were warned Monday about school bus delays, just as the Toronto boards reported slightly fewer transportation troubles after a chaotic first week.

Karen Lacroix, general manager of Halton Student Transportation Services — which serves both the local public and Catholic boards — said while the region is "not in the same situation as Toronto, we do have a driver shortage situation.

"Our bus companies are working very diligently, trying to recruit and hire, and they have been throughout the summer."

While in Toronto some kids have waited for buses that never showed up, in Halton buses are running 10 to 20 minutes late — although part of that is "due to September start-up," said Lacroix, referring to typical slowdowns that happen every school year as parents and school staff get used to new drivers and routines.

Ontario's ombudsman has already said he will look into the issue.

Meanwhile, Pam Gough and Ken Lister — two Toronto public school board trustees — are asking Director of Education John Malloy to report on what happened and how to fix the problem. Their motion comes before a special meeting of the board Wednesday.

"This recruitment and keeping bus drivers is an ongoing challenge for every bus company," said Cathy Abraham of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. "It doesn't pay well, and shifts are split. It's tough to keep people wanting to work there.

"What we do know is that while the situation in Toronto is the one people are paying attention to, it is happening in pockets around the province."

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John Bossons, a member of the Board of Summer Hill Residents Association at a damaged staircase in the ravine near his home, on Monday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Ravine flooding worries residents

URBAN PLANNING

Summerhill and Rosedale community raising alarm

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Concerned Summerhill and Rosedale residents are ringing the ravine alarm bell.

Users of the Vale of Avoca ravine near Yonge and St. Clair say the sought-after green space is being ruined by flooding and are calling on the city to take action.

John Bossons, a member of the Summerhill Residents' Association, said the narrow strip of nature is under threat from increased storm water draining into Yellow Creek and eroding its banks.

"Storm water surges have hugely increased thanks to global warming," he told Metro, noting flooding has already washed out walking paths, one of the ravine's two bridges and a pedestrian staircase.

Lewis Reford, president of the North Rosedale Residents' Association, said the ravine has been reduced to "a jumble of broken concrete, twisted metal, dead trees and vegetation."

"And that's dangerous," he said.

The city's parks and environment committee has agreed to establish a master plan for the affected ravine, integrating the efforts of various city departments.

Bossons called the plan "a good first step" but said the city needs to act faster, especially when it comes to repairing the broken staircase.

"Basically the city has just abandoned the ravine," he said.

Coun. Josh Matlow who, along with Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam, has taken a lead on the issue, hopes the Vale of Avoca master plan can serve as a model while the city works on a more comprehensive strategy to revive ravines.

Matlow called the natural areas "unique" spots in the city that go overlooked.

"We don't celebrate it the way we should and we don't care for it the way we should," he said. "I've often thought of our ravines as our inverted mountains."

> **The city has just abandoned the ravine.**
> John Bossons

MARIJUANA CONTROVERSY

Police board discussion secret

Durham police's civilian oversight board discussed how an active officer was allowed to co-own an unlicensed medical marijuana shop that offers customers drug products that are illegal to sell.

But the discussion was held in private.

Regional Police Board member Bill McLean said he was going to raise his questions about the controversy. The Pickering councillor and former Toronto police sergeant, had previously said he wanted more information about the marijuana company, Living On Inc., which was co-owned by veteran Const. Phil Edgar.

After briefly consulting with Roger Anderson, the head of the police board, McLean opted to ask his questions behind closed doors.

Durham police have steadfastly refused to comment on Const. Edgar's case, calling it a personnel issue.

A recent investigation found Living On Inc., located on First Nations land in Port Perry, was not licensed by Health Canada. Its website also advertises various kinds of edible marijuana products that are illegal to sell in Canada because the government says they pose a risk of overdose or unintentional ingestion by children.

Const. Edgar joined the company in December 2015. He said he received permission from the force to do so around the same time. Police have not revoked that permission, Edgar said, though he has since "stepped back" from the marijuana company. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Ontarians getting a break on hydro bill

THRONE SPEECH

Province says it will remove its 8% share of HST from bills

Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberals will spend $1 billion annually to give electricity ratepayers an eight per cent tax cut on their hydro bills starting in January.

In a bid to jolt their flagging popularity with a provincial election less than two years away, Wynne's Liberals delivered a consumer-friendly speech from the throne Monday that also promised 100,000 new child-care spaces over the next five years.

"Your government has listened and has heard your concerns," said the speech read in the legislature by Lt.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

"It recognizes that the cost of electricity is now stretching family budgets."

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell enters the legislature with Premier Kathleen Wynne before she delivered the speech from the throne Monday. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eliminating the eight per cent provincial portion of the 13 per cent harmonized sales tax on hydro bills for homes, small businesses, and farms should save the average household $130 a year.

Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown said it's "a bit rich" that the Liberals, who ignored opposition calls to exempt hydro from the HST, are now promising a tax break that is "too little, too late."

"We should be calling it the Raymond Cho hydro benefit," Brown crowed, charging that the Liberals concocted the plan only after losing their stronghold of Scarborough-Rouge River to the Tories' Cho in the Sept. 1 byelection.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa, insisting that wasn't the case, maintained the government will still balance the budget next year because of higher tax revenues from growth in the economy.

"This is not something that just happened a week ago. We've been planning this for a number of months and we've been taking the necessary steps to accommodate this," Sousa told reporters.

"The driving force behind this is the needs of the people of Ontario, not the needs of any political party."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath urged the government to quickly pass legislation making the rebate available immediately with hefty summer air-conditioning bills rolling in.

"People are going to wait for four more months. Just do it."

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5 highlights from the throne speech

1 That hydro rebate

Eight per cent rebate, equivalent to the provincial portion of the 13 per cent HST, on electricity bills starting in January.

2 Rural hydro relief

Rebates of about 20 per cent on hydro bills for eligible residents of rural areas where electric heating is more prevalent.

3 Big user savings

Expansion of the Industrial Conservation Initiative to help about 1,000 more large electricity users cut their bills by as much as 34 per cent by shifting hydro use away from peak periods.

4 More child care

100,000 new licensed child care spaces over five years starting in 2017, creating spots for about 40 per cent of children up to age four.

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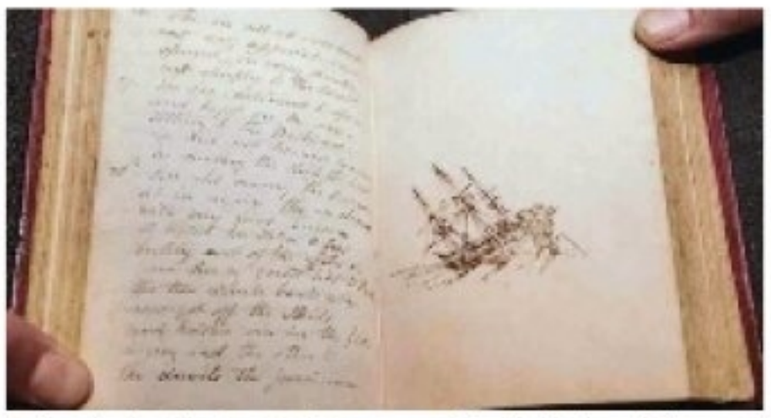
HERITAGE

Second ship from Franklin expedition has been found



A sketch showing the HMS Terror stuck fast in the ice of the Northwest Passage. The sketch was drawn in the diary of Owen Stanley, who sailed on the ill-fated ship a decade prior to the disastrous Franklin Expedition, which saw both the Terror and her sister ship the HMS Erebus lost. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The second ship from Sir John Franklin's doomed 19th-century search for the Northwest Passage has been located — right where an Inuit hunter said it would be.

"The ship is in remarkable condition," Adrian Schimnowski of the Arctic Research Foundation, one of the groups involved in the search, said Monday from the research ship that located the HMS Terror.

"It looks like it gently slipped to the seabed floor."

The Terror, one of two British navy vessels sent in 1845 to try to find the Northwest Passage, was discovered Sept. 3 in 24 metres of water in Terror Bay, a small indentation on the coast of King William Island west of the community of Gjoa Haven.

The well-preserved wreck of Franklin's other ship, the Erebus, was found in 2014 about 11 metres below the surface in the Queen Maud Gulf, along the central Arctic coastline.

Both were lost with all 129 crew. Their fate has proved one of the Arctic's most enduring mysteries.

Schimnowski said that mystery might have remained if not for a late-night conversation on one of the search vessels between himself and Sammy Kogvik, an Inuk and Canadian Ranger from Gjoa Haven.

The two were on the bridge of the Martin Bergmann, a research vessel, and Kogvik was telling Schimnowski about the history of the shorelines they were sailing past. He started talking about something he'd seen seven years ago while snowmobiling across the sea ice of Terror Bay.

Kogvik recalled how he had looked behind him to check on his hunting partner when he spotted a large pole sticking up out of the ice. The two Inuit stopped and took pictures of what looked like a ship's mast.

But when Kogvik got home to Gjoa Haven, he found he'd dropped his camera and lost the shots.

"As soon as he said the story, I knew from his eyes and the way he was speaking that he had something."

The crew searched for more than two hours without success. They decided to give up and head to the nearby community of Cambridge Bay using a different route out of the bay than they had entered with.

"Within 15 minutes of starting again, we found an artifact on screen," Schimnowski said. "It looked like the cross-section of a masted ship.

"It was very exciting … You have very few experiences like that in a lifetime. We celebrated together." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royals visiting Canada with children in tow

Royal-watchers' cameras will be snapping on the west coast this fall as Prince George and Princess Charlotte will be joining their parents Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, for a royal visit to Canada.

Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, will bring their children to one of "the most beautiful places in the world," when the royals visit British Columbia and the Yukon from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1, according to a statement on the Royal Family's website.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with their two children. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This is the royal couple's second visit to Canada.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tootoo allegations but no comment

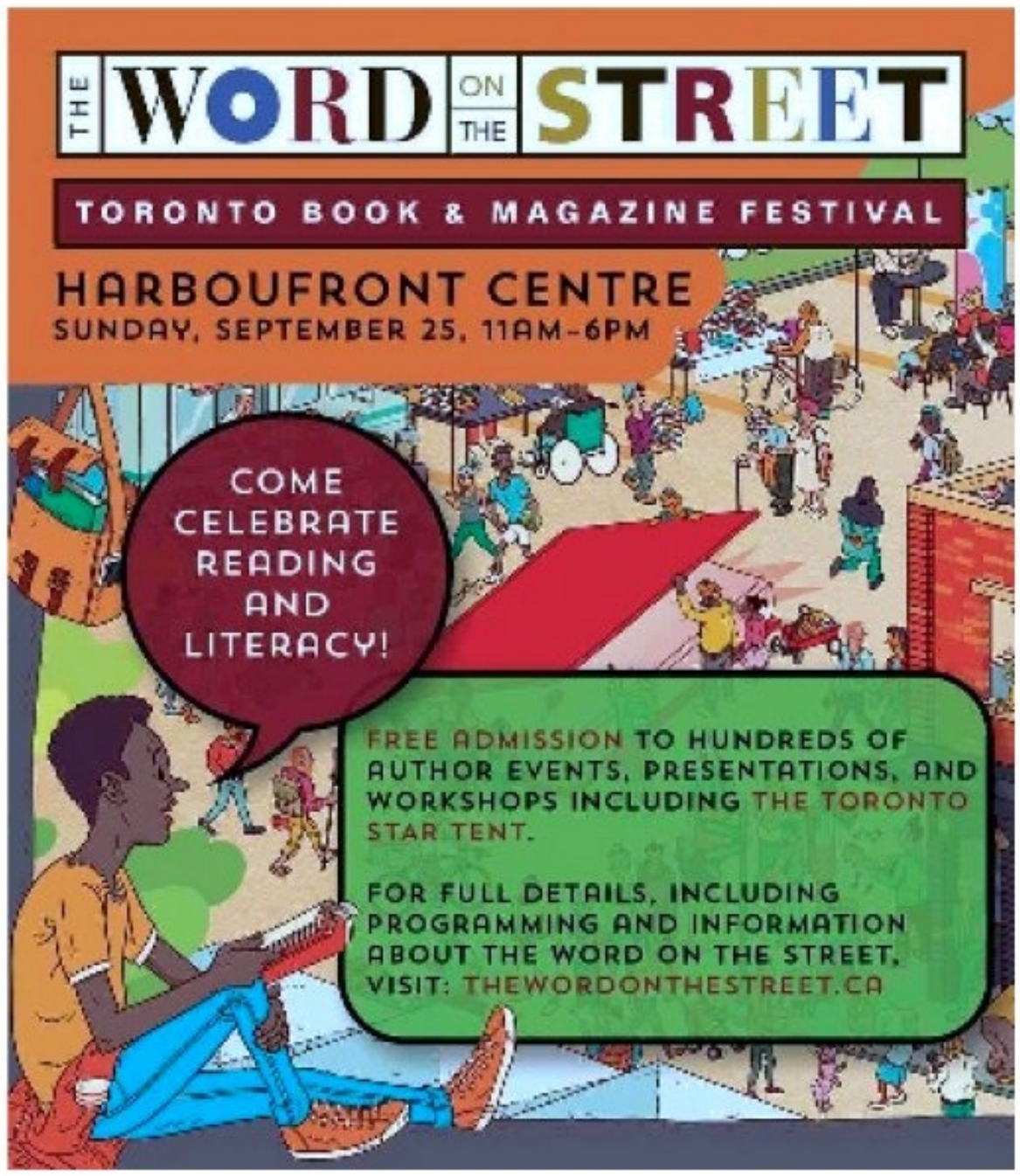
The Prime Minister's Office is not commenting on allegations about Hunter Tootoo's fall from political grace.

Tootoo, the MP for Nunavut, abruptly quit his post as fisheries minister and left the Liberal caucus in May, saying at the time that he was seeking treatment for alcohol addiction.

But in August, the political rookie said he had been involved in what he called a "consensual but inappropriate" relationship.

On Monday, a Globe and Mail report alleged that Tootoo was at the centre of a tangled affair involving a woman and her mother.

The newspaper, citing confidential sources, said Tootoo broke off a relationship with the woman, who was working in his Parliament Hill office, in order to pursue an affair with her mother. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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DONALD TRUMP

Mexican senator's wall funds fightback

A Mexican senator has plans to fight back against Donald Trump's pledge to "make Mexico pay" for a 3,000-km wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Although details of Trump's plan for the wall are scarce, the Republican candidate's campaign released a memo in March saying he would "compel Mexico to pay" by cutting off remittances sent over the border by Mexicans living in the U.S.

In response, Sen. Armando Rios Piter, of the opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution, introduced a law in the Mexican Senate last week that would retaliate with an equivalent tax on American people and companies in Mexico. More than one million US citizens live in Mexico.

"All parties in the Senate are in agreement that Mexico needs to stand up for itself and strengthen its relationship with the United States," Rios told the Telegraph. "We want to shut Trump's mouth, which has been spewing this hateful speech."

Moreover, if Trump acts on his threat to unilaterally revoke the North American Free Trade Agreement, the bill proposes to review all 75 treaties Mexico has with its northern neighbour — a move which would threaten the region's security and prosperity. Those treaties include the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which set the current border with Texas and ceded California and parts of six other U.S. states to the U.S. in 1848.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clinton's secrecy 'stupid'

U.S. ELECTION

Candidate's penchant for privacy forged decades ago

When Hillary Clinton shuffled and stumbled as she abruptly left the 9-11 memorial at Ground Zero on Sunday, clearly ill, the telltale video was captured by a bystander, not a journalist.

Clinton's aides hadn't told the travelling press pool that she was leaving.

When she was driven home that night, she was not accompanied by the reporters that follow a candidate from door to door. Clinton's aides hadn't allowed them to come along.

In between, her campaign claimed she had merely "overheated." Only eight hours after the incident, and 48 hours after she saw a doctor, did they admit what appears to be the truth: she has pneumonia.

All together, it was vintage Hillary Clinton. As she has for two decades, the Democratic presidential nominee chose maximum secrecy right up until maximum secrecy was no longer a viable option.

"Antibiotics can take care of pneumonia," David Axelrod, a former top aide to Barack Obama, wrote on Twitter. "What's the cure for an unhealthy penchant for privacy that repeatedly creates unnecessary problems?"

The cure, in part, is running against Donald Trump. Clinton's Republican opponent is in several important ways more opaque than she is.

> This one is just a self-inflicted wound. And inexplicable.
> Kathleen Dolan

But her reflexive bunker mentality led to, and prolonged, her biggest scandal, over her decision to set up a private email server. And it indisputably made her Sunday incident worse.

"Sheer stupidity," said Kathleen Dolan, chair of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "This one is just a self-inflicted wound. And inexplicable."

"People get pneumonia all the time. You say, 'The Secretary was diagnosed with pneumonia, that may require her to change some of her schedule in the next week, just giving you a heads-up.' That's all they had to do. But they didn't. And it was stupid," Dolan said. "And now it's just one more piece of evidence that, 'See, she lies about everything.' And she doesn't lie about everything."

Indeed, independent fact checks show Trump has been far more dishonest during the campaign than Clinton. Trump, unlike Clinton, has refused to release his tax returns. Trump, unlike Clinton, has refused to allow a full-time press pool at all. Trump, unlike Clinton, has blacklisted news outlets from his rallies.

But voters trust her almost as little as they trust him. In an ABC poll this week, 61 per cent of voters said Clinton was not trustworthy or honest compared to 64 per cent for Trump.

"The irony is, take the three sort of principals of this race: the ghost of Bill Clinton, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. I have no doubt in my mind that Hillary Clinton's probably the more virtuous, more honest human being than either of the two of them," said Gil Troy, author The Age of Clinton. "If you were to do a kind of virtue X-ray, she would win."

In Monday tweets and television interviews, Democrats called on her to be more transparent. There were signs her campaign was listening. In television interviews, a spokesman promised additional medical documents.

But it will take more than a few gestures to change a reputation forged more than two decades ago. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BEIPANJIANG BRIDGE ENGINEERS CLOSE TO COMPLETING 'WORLD'S HIGHEST BRIDGE'

Chinese engineers reached new heights over the weekend when they linked the two ends of the Beipanjiang Bridge, creating what will be the world's highest bridge when it is completed. The bridge connects two provinces in China, and soars 565 metres above a river in a mountainous region of Guizhou province in the southwest of the country.

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JAPAN

Official blasted for piggyback

A Japanese government official is under fire for riding on a colleague's back to get through a big puddle of water during his recent visit to a town devastated by a deadly storm.

Vice Minister of Reconstruction Shunsuke Mutai headed a government team's visit to the northern town of Iwaizumi earlier this month to assess damage from the storm, which killed more than 20 people in the region.

Mutai, who had forgotten to bring rubber boots, was shown in television footage being carried on the back of another government official wading through the puddle. The scene triggered sharp criticism on social media, with Mutai accused of not taking his job seriously.

Shunsuke Mutai is under fire for a piggyback ride to get through a puddle during a visit to a town affected by deadly storms. TWITTER

The case resurfaced over the weekend when his boss, Reconstruction Minister Masahiro Imamura, visited the region and apologized over the incident.

"When I heard the story, I said what on earth was he doing," Imamura said as he apologized to local residents. He said that Mutai had to rush over to the disaster area and forgot his boots.

On Monday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga criticized Mutai for lacking sensitivity. Other politicians from both the ruling party and the opposition also levelled criticism.

"He went there as head of the government investigation team, so naturally he should have brought his rubber boots to begin with," Suga said. "I must say he lacked sensitivity to the residents hit by the disaster and the region, and we should make sure not to repeat the same problem."

Later Monday, Mutai told reporters that what he did was "inappropriate."

"I deeply regret it," he said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Postal union scoffs at marijuana sales idea

CANADA POST

New report suggests post offices be used as storefronts

Could legalizing pot save Canada Post?

Canadians looking to use recreational marijuana could help boost the post office's revenues and be part of the answer to its financial woes, a new report suggests.

"Through its currently unparalleled national delivery network, Canada Post stands to capture a large part of the recreational shipment volume," says Canada Post in the Digital Age, written by the task force for the Canada Post Corporation review, released Monday.

The 94-page report noted that Canada Post is already the sole agent for delivering medical marijuana across the country, and its more 6,200 post offices and retail outlets could potentially serve as storefronts for weed sales.

An estimated 88 per cent of consumers live within 5 kilometres of a postal outlet.

Canada Post is already the sole agent for delivering medical marijuana, a new report notes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We don't know what the details are yet, but we put it on the table," said task force chairperson Francoise Bertrand, estimating that marijuana sales could generate $10 million to $20 million a year in delivery fees.

"There's not a huge amount of money."

Details on whether legal marijuana sales will be regulated federally or provincially are not yet known, but the report said Canada Post is well positioned to benefit from increased distribution revenues, as it now delivers alcohol for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), under its new online shopping program introduced in July.

A separate marijuana task force, which is examining how pot could be legalized, has highlighted the mail service, noting it provides "reliable, low-cost delivery to all parts of the country in a discrete manner that does not encourage increased usage."

But the union representing postal workers said delivering pot or selling pot alone is not the answer.

"The idea that selling pot is going to save Canada Post is patently ridiculous," said Mike Palecek, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. "The report is rather disappointing as it concludes postal banking is not the best way to go," which the union has been lobbying for.

The report said Canada Post's current business model, which reflects the 20th century, needs to be realigned with the rapidly changing technological realities and the changing postal usage of Canadians.

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ENERGY EAST

Pipeline's future still cloudy

Doubts are growing over the fate of the Energy East Pipeline after members of the National Energy Board panel examining the project resigned, leaving questions over how the review will proceed.

Analyst Dirk Lever of AltaCorp Capital in Calgary said Monday the pipeline regulatory process has become so "murky" and "messy" due to political pressure that it's difficult to say whether any pipeline approval can be assured.

"I think everyone just wants to see some clarity on it," he said. "Certainly from industry, they just want to know what they have to do."

NEB spokeswoman Sarah Kiley said Monday a temporary chairperson will select members of the new panel, who will decide whether the review will resume in Montreal from where it left off or start all over. The NEB is still aiming to have a decision on the $15.7-billion Energy East pipeline project by March 18, 2018, she added.

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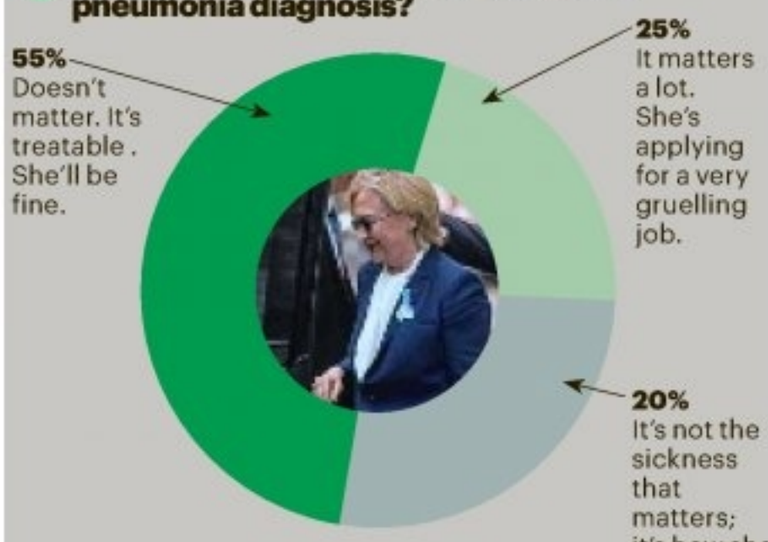
METRO POLL

How healthy are Clinton's prospects?

Hillary Clinton's health was a campaign subplot until it became the main story. Clinton was diagnosed with pneumonia last Friday, but her campaign didn't say anything about it until after the candidate had to leave a 9-11 commemoration ceremony on Sunday. The media certainly thinks this is a pretty big deal, but we wanted to know what our readers thought.

1 What do you make of Hillary Clinton's pneumonia diagnosis?


55%
Doesn't matter. It's treatable. She'll be fine.
25%
It matters a lot. She's applying for a very gruelling job.
20%
It's not the sickness that matters; it's how she handled it.

2 Will the diagnosis help or hurt her chances?

53% Hurts
44% Makes no difference
3% Helps

WE ASKED Metro readers

- This is the stupidest thing ever. Any person on earth can easily get pneumonia.
- Given her history, admitting pneumonia means that things are worse than pneumonia.
- At least she has provided legit medical records and tax information.
- People should think about what others have accomplished with far more serious illnesses.
- I don't believe her or her hired doctor.
- The POTUS should be in really top health.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

We all need to get more angry about our city

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

Over my years watching Toronto city hall, I've learned something about municipal politicians.

They make a lot of assumptions about the average voter — about the stuff we value and the things we care about.

The biggest assumption? Most of them think the only thing voters ever get mad about is taxes.

Sure, they know people also gripe about things like traffic, parking and proposals for tall condominiums. But taxes, the theory goes, are what get voters into a rage. The only thing that seriously threatens a local politician's ability to keep their job.

It's because of this that I was glad to see Bianca Spence last week succeed in her push to get Mayor John Tory to take a sweaty subway ride on Line 2 – where a lack of maintenance has meant 25 per cent of all subway cars haven't had air conditioning all summer long.

Spence got so frustrated with the state of affairs in this city that she worked to get the mayor's attention. She's a public example of someone who is angry about more than taxes — and someone who is willing to make certain that the mayor damn sure knows about it.

Toronto needs more like her.

There are so many things in this city worthy of our anger. So many problems that rank higher than the number at the bottom of the property tax bill.

There's the general mediocrity of our public spaces. The fountains that don't work and the playgrounds that sit in disrepair. The beaches that are only groomed a few times a week. The sidewalks that are a shambles of cheap asphalt patches hiding utility cuts.

There's the state of the transit system, where the problems go way beyond the busted air conditioning in the subway. The 250,000 people who ride the city's streetcar system each day continue to find themselves held up by single-occupant vehicles making left turns. And making the transit system fully accessible has been given less priority than building a single subway stop in Scarborough.

And don't forget the half-measures on active transportation: protected bike lanes that seem to invite cars to drive right into them and pedestrian crossings that require multi-minute waits.

None of this would be acceptable in any city. It's doubly unacceptable in Toronto, where there's a growing population and no shortage of wealth.

But our city, I worry, suffers from a collective reluctance to really get mad about this stuff. That needs to change. Like Spence, Torontonians shouldn't be shy about expressing their daily frustrations, and shouldn't be reluctant to demand our politicians do better. Tell them — loudly, publicly and with righteous anger — that you want a whole lot more from your city than low taxes.

Tell them you're mad.

Matt Elliott lives and writes in Toronto. Follow him on Twitter @GraphicMatt

International students deserve our embrace

Armine Yalnizyan and Chris Grisdale

For many Canadians, September means back-to-school time. For a growing number of students, it's also welcome-to-Canada time.

International students have become a critical piece of the puzzle for funding higher education. Their enrolment in our post-secondary institutions is accelerating at a far faster pace than that of domestic students. By Dec. 31, 2015, 352,960 international students were registered at schools across Canada. That figure is twice the number enrolled in 2006.

A federal report estimated that in 2010, international students spent almost $8 billion in Canada on tuition, accommodation and other expenses, creating 81,000 jobs and generating $455 million in tax revenue. Those figures were so impressive that in 2013 the Harper government's Economic Action Plan budgeted $23 million over two years to market Canadian degrees abroad and recruit students, and added funds to enhance processing capacity.

By all accounts, the marketing ploy was successful. But as the Conservatives opened the floodgates to these temporary entrants, they simultaneously choked off their passage to permanent residency.

That's a maddening waste. Just ask Lucas Alves.

Lucas came to Montreal from Brazil in August 2011 to study French at a language school. His experience led him to want to make his home here. Already fluent in English and Portuguese, Lucas and his family paid $15,000 a year in tuition for an architectural technician program at George Brown College to turn the dream into reality. To cover costs, Lucas worked as a cleaner and in food services.

When Lucas arrived, he had cause to believe he could build his life here as a Canadian citizen. In 2008, Ottawa had created the Canadian Experience Class, providing a pathway to permanent residency to international students with two years of Canadian work experience. International students have been allowed to hold on-campus jobs since 1988, and later allowed to work up to three years anywhere in Canada after graduation. The promise of a chance to study and work your way toward citizenship enticed thousands of young students to come to Canada.

But, beginning in 2013, the federal government started delisting some occupations that were previously considered valid Canadian work experience. Suddenly, if your job was in food or retail — the most common jobs for students, international or domestic — you were out of luck.

As a result, more of the world's best and brightest are coming to Canada, but fewer can stay, by policy design. Instead of seeing them as A-list candidates for Canadian citizenship, they have become Grade-A cash cows for a chronically underfunded system.

The Liberals should move swiftly to reboot the Experience Class program so international students like Lucas aren't merely welcomed to study and spend in Canada, but welcomed to stay and build their future here.

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BIOPIC

Critics rave at Devon Terrell's turn as a young Barack Obama

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

He may not be the President but he does play one at the Toronto International Film Festival.

With a near-perfect portrayal of a 20-something Barack Obama, Australian actor Devon Terrell is quickly finding his name at the top of many critics "one to watch" lists at TIFF.

A biopic that focuses on the brief period of time the future U.S. President spent at Columbia University in New York during the racially-charged '80s, Vikram Gandhi's period-drama Barry manages to spotlight the young talent's incredible performance — one that the Los Angeles Times claims he pulled off with "such ease and nuance that audiences may briefly flicker with the thought they're watching archival footage."

"I didn't want it to feel like an imitation," insisted the 23-year-old thespian in his native Down Under-accent at the Intercontinental Hotel.

TIFF Rising Star

Australian actor Devon Terrell plays a 20-something Barack Obama in the biopic Barry. CONTRIBUTED

"It was a lot of work, just working on the sounds and things because he has some Kansas roots, he has some Hawaiian roots."

As much as Obama's nomadic upbringing allowed the future commander-in-chief to shape a more rounded world view, it also patterned a distinct sound — one that Terrell only mastered once he began studying Obama's cadence.

"We eventually realized it was a certain (speech) pattern," said Terrell, who added another youthful flourish of "umms and awws" to the performance.

"When he was younger, he seemed like he was inarticulate because he was so intelligent and had so many ideas running through that he was (not sure) how to get it out."

> **When he was younger, he seemed like he was inarticulate because he was so intelligent**
> Devon Terrell

What really gives Barry (named after the Anglicized moniker Obama gave himself in those years) its poignancy, of course, is that the American President's term is coming to a close.

And after eight years of leadership, Barry provides a curious bit of cinematic backstory into the ideals and events that eventually shaped the Presidential icon.

"We know how the story ends," laughed Terrell, noting the film's subtle hand at drama.

"But I don't think people understand how withdrawn he'd become at one point of his life, where he really dove into what it means to be himself (and) the issues that he had is so human — all of us can relate to at least one thing in there."

U.S. ELECTION

A closer look at Hillary Clinton's health scare

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

It was initially chalked up to seasonal allergies. Hillary Clinton's hacking cough — an obsession in certain segments of the Twittersphere — is pneumonia, according to a statement from the U.S. presidential candidate's doctor.

The diagnosis was made Friday, but only revealed after a public stumble at a 9/11 memorial in New York City on Sunday.

Despite conspiracy-theorists' crowing about Parkinson's, Clinton likely has a contagious bug: Six of her staffers have reportedly come down with it too.

Metro spoke to a real diagnostician, McMaster University infectious disease specialist Lionel Mandell, who wrote the book (a.k.a. clinical guidelines) on pneumonia.

Many sources are describing this as "walking pneumonia." What does that mean?
Pneumonia just means infection of the lung tissue itself; the air sacs. Saying pneumonia is like saying "motor vehicle accident."

Could be a minor fender-bender, and at the other extreme you've got a head-on where cars are on fire and two people are dead.

Without knowing details, it seems like Clinton got community-acquired pneumonia, as opposed to hospital-acquired. In about 80 per cent of those cases, it's treated outside hospital, and the mortality rate is one to five per cent.

It's really difficult to make a pneumonia diagnosis. If you only rely on what patients tell you, plus the physical exam, you can be wrong at least a third of the time. You really need an X-ray. A lot of diagnoses are made without an X-ray, and a lot of those patients may have bronchitis or something.

I don't know where the hell the term "walking pneumonia" came from. But it sort of gets the idea across.

Who dies from this?
It's more likely to be an older person or a person with lung disease, congestive heart failure, something like that.

How long will it take an otherwise healthy 68-year-old — like Clinton's doctor says she is — to recover?
It really varies. But typically the symptoms would be cough, a bit of a fever, a bit of shortness of breath. Depending on how sick they are, and their underlying conditions, some people can bounce back within a week or two, but they might feel weak for a few weeks.

Are you surprised someone in their 60s came down with this on the campaign trail?
The overall incidence in North America, if you're over 65, is about 20 cases per 1,000 people (per year). Someone like Clinton or Trump is definitely at risk. They're constantly mixing with people. I'm actually surprised (politicians) don't get infections more.

Would her 2012 concussion and blood clot episode have anything to do with this?
Not if they were resolved. Somebody with a reduced level of consciousness can aspirate (inhale liquids or food) and get pneumonia. But she clearly doesn't have that. She's smart as hell.

Democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton leaves her daughter's New York apartment, where she recovered after a medical episode during Sept. 11 memorial services.
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Dolan's extremely up close and personal

It's Only the End of the World stars French actors Nathalie Baye, Léa Seydoux and Gaspard Ulliel, and is directed by Montreal's Xavier Dolan. It won the Grand Prix at Cannes. CONTRIBUTED

IT'S ONLY THE END OF THE WORLD

Director homes in on the faces of France's top acting talent

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada

It's a lot of pressure to feel like your every breath, every quiver, and every facial twitch will be captured on camera, said French actor Gaspard Ulliel.

A big star in France, Ulliel (who played Yves Saint Laurent in the 2014 biopic about the fashion designer) portrays principal character Louis in Xavier Dolan's It's Only the End of the World. Most of the film is shot in extremely tight closeups.

"You realize that the slightest, minute movement is a potential explosion so it keeps the audience on the edge of their seat," said Ulliel at an intimate coffee-and-conversation with media at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Dolan must have relished the chance to zoom in on such striking faces: Léa Seydoux (The Lobster) portrays a pot-smoking moody younger sister of Louis, a playwright who flies home for the first time in 12 years with the intent to tell his family he is dying of AIDS.

Vincent Cassel (Jason Bourne) is the curmudgeonly older brother; Marion Cotillard acts against type as the dithering sister-in-law and illustrious French actress Nathalie Baye plays Louis's ostentatious mother.

This is a dysfunctional family that communicates almost exclusively through bickering and biting remarks. They stumble over their words, betraying their insecurities. But for all the talking, they cannot say the one thing that needs to be said — that they love their brother, and feel abandoned by him.

"The vernacular is very precise, it can be distracting, but the words don't really matter in this film," said Dolan.

What mattered more was to watch how the characters react to one another, he explained.

"There are two categories of actors: the actors who listen, and the actors who don't. These actors listen to people. They live and react. They're not waiting for their lines," added Dolan, praising his cast.

When the director first began shooting the film, which won the Grand Prix at Cannes, he didn't intend for the imagery to be so intimate. But the closeups allowed him to capture the talent's emotional expressions.

"I wouldn't want to miss a thing," he said.

FOOD TREND

Red wine with fish? If the French are OK with it, so are we

Hosting a lunchtime event for the film's Canadian premiere, Nespresso paid tribute to the many scenes where the family gathers around a meal. The Montreal-based coffee company showed its confidence in food trends (it often partners with Michelin restaurants) with an unorthodox pairing of a red wine — 2011 Domaine Nalys, Châteauneuf Du Pape ($46) — with seared branzino that complemented the citrusy notes of the dish.

AMERICAN PASTORAL

A new direction for McGregor

Ewan McGregor and Uzo Aduba at a TIFF party for their film American Pastoral. MIKE WINDLE/GETTY IMAGES FOR VANITY FAIR

"Where to now?" an eager Ewan McGregor asks his publicist. After quickly kissing hello his wife of 21 years, Eve Mavrakis, his small entourage sets off down the hallway of the Ritz Carlton, headed toward their next stop on the American Pastoral promo tour.

The Scottish star of Trainspotting, Moulin Rouge!, and the Star Wars prequel trilogy has just finished two hours of interviews for the film, which he not only stars in but directs. And yet he sounds like a man on a safari or sailing through the Greek islands, less business trip and more trip of a lifetime.

In many ways that's exactly what entertainment was for McGregor. He'd begged his agent for years to find him a project to direct. He'd signed on to play the lead in American Pastoral, a drama adapted from Philip Roth's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a picture-perfect American family in the '60s torn apart by the era's seismic cultural shifts.

As directors came and went, it looked like the project would collapse. Until McGregor fought to direct the film himself.

Only now with the film on the verge of its Oct. 21 opening has he begun to suspect his stubbornness to let go of the project might have been because of how the story resonated with him personally. The central relationship is between a charming football quarterback turned captain of industry who is nicknamed The Swede, and his daughter (Dakota Fanning), whose extremist politics tear their family apart. McGregor, himself the father of four daughters, suspects the story spoke to his own parental anxieties.

"When I first read the movie, my eldest daughter, Clara, was probably about 14 or 15," he said earlier that day in a hotel suite, dressed in a black T-shirt and jeans with a blue pinstripe jacket thrown over top. "I was contemplating my eldest daughter going to college and leaving the home and not waking up in our house anymore every day.

"I suppose I must have been considering what that must be like, because maybe that is why I was so attached to this script. It deals with a similar subject in very different ways. The loss of your daughter, if you like.

"Now with the film being released she's finishing her third year at NYU. It can't be a coincidence. It must be why I was so dedicated to this."

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A working-class role for Kate Hudson

DEEPWATER HORIZON

Actress plays wife of oil rig worker based on true story

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Kate Hudson's latest role isn't exactly the kind of part most A-list actresses in Hollywood would clamor to land these days.

After all, in the new true-life drama Deepwater Horizon — premiering at this year's Toronto International Film Festival — Hudson plays second-fiddle to Mark Wahlberg as the distraught, stuck-at-home wife of a worker aboard the eponymous Gulf of Mexico oil rig that famously blew up in 2010 causing the biggest man-made oil spill in American history.

"It's like that quote: everybody has a story," offered Hudson about the strong-willed wife who was forced to wait in horror as her husband's offshore workplace erupted in flames. "The relationship was a key part of the film — it sort of established what it was like for a lot of the survivors' families and what it felt like to not know what was going on."

Indeed, Wahlberg may have received all the explosive on-screen action, but Hudson found a ton of emotional drama in the supporting role — a deep resonance that she uncovered through meeting the real-life Felicia Williams.

"We talked about what it felt like," recalled Hudson. "It was like the rug being pulled out from under her feet but then all she wanted to do was to understand what was going on. To hear the ins and outs of what they went through on that day. Nobody could tell them what was happening."

As much as director Peter Berg (Lone Survivor) wanted to focus on the families behind the Deepwater Horizon disaster (which claimed 11 lives), there is little doubt that the action is underlined by corporate negligence. However, even as those themes are accentuated, Hudson insists the film's true resonance is playing down the politics to focus on the film's ordinary working-class characters overcoming an incredible catastrophe.

"You see these things on the news and you don't really ever think about what that must have felt like to have be in an experience like that," said Hudson. "It is a delicate balance because you just want to tell the story for the people. You don't want to get political and Pete did such a great job of just telling the human story."

Kate Hudson stars in Deepwater Horizon. HANDOUT

TOGETHER AGAIN ON-SCREEN ROMANCE Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone have teamed up once again for La La Land, a modern-day musical that's been embraced by audiences and critics alike. The actors walked the red carpet last night at TIFF for the film's premiere. It opens wide Dec. 2. LIZ BEDDALL/FOR METRO

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Manchester United says it paid 8.4 million pounds ($11 million) in compensation to fire Louis Van Gaal and members of his coaching staff

Amputation does little to slow volleyball player

RIO2016

Oakes competes at Paralympics 13 months after losing part of leg

Jennifer Oakes passes the ball during the women's sitting volleyball team training camp. ROB HISLOP/CPC HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the hours after the boating accident that nearly took her life, Jennifer Oakes posted a photo on Instagram.

She's standing on a rocky beach watching the sun go down. She captioned it, playfully: "Tb (throwback) to 2 legs."

The 18-year-old from Calgary is playing on Canada's sitting volleyball team at the Rio Paralympics just 13 months after her right leg was amputated below the knee.

And if some of the 781 people who liked her Instagram picture joked that it was "Too soon!" it's her "very healthy sense of humour," said her mom Kathy, that has helped her thrive in her new reality.

GETTING BACK UP
Oakes hasn't given up the standing game, and was back playing club volleyball this past season using a prosthetic.

"She's always been a bit of a stubborn child, and now that tenacity is paying off," Kathy Oakes said. "She's got that tenacity, plus she's got a good outlook and positivity about her that's fantastic."

Oakes' lighthearted approach, she explained, was a way of putting others at ease.

"Kind of since the beginning, I thought I would have a good sense of humour about it so people were comfortable talking with me about it, because I was open about it," Oakes said. "And if they wanted to ask any questions, I was there to answer them."

Oakes was out boating last summer with friends when they hit a wave, and Oakes, who wasn't holding on, was pitched off the front and run over. The propeller missed her head and torso by inches.

She was flown by air ambulance to Calgary's Foothills Hospital, receiving two litres of blood en route.

Almost immediately, Oakes, a strong player at the high school, club, and provincial levels, started thinking ahead.

"We were all super worried about her and mourning for her," said her older sister Sarah. "And then within three days, she was already talking about sports and talking about what she wanted to do, and we all knew she was going to do whatever she wanted to do. I think volleyball was just what she wanted to do."

Canada's coach Nicole Ban knew of Oakes and heard about the accident, and encouraged her to come out and practise with the team.

"As soon as she sat down she was able to do all the skills from the standing game very easily," Ban said. "But it was her movement, and her realizing that she was performing these skills very well, and at a high level that really allowed her to enjoy sitting down on the ground with her new body. And also embracing the sport."

The Canadian women, who are making their first Paralympic appearance, are 0-2 after losses to host Brazil and the Netherlands. They meet Ukraine in their final preliminary round match on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- Canada's women's wheelchair basketball team defeated Brazil 82-49 on Monday, improving to 3-1 at the tournament.
- Pamela LeJean of Cape Breton, N.S., was fourth in the women's F53 shot put.
- The Canadian men's goalball team dropped to 1-2 with a 17-13 loss to Algeria. They are currently tied for third in their pool with Algeria and Germany.

MLB

Carrera comes through in a pinch

Pinch-hitter Ezequiel Carrera hit a tiebreaking solo home run in the eighth inning and Roberto Osuna earned an eventful save as the Toronto Blue Jays topped the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 on Monday.

Carrera turned on a first-pitch fastball from Brad Boxberger (3-1) and sent it over the left-field wall. It was the first pinch-hit homer for any Blue Jay since Carrera did it last July 25 in a game in Seattle.

Osuna earned his 32nd save, but benches and bullpens cleared briefly after the final out — a deep fly-ball to centre field. Things quieted quickly as both teams walked back to their respective locker-rooms.

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BLUE JAYS	RAYS

Jason Grilli (6-5) got the win and Jose Bautista hit a two-run shot for the Blue Jays (79-64), who have had a rough go of things this month. Toronto went into the game having lost three consecutive series for the first time this season, a slide that began with two-of-three losses at Tampa Bay to open September.

The Blue Jays remain two games behind Boston with the Red Sox beating the Baltimore Orioles 12-2 on Monday.

Evan Longoria and Brad Miller hit back-to-back solo homers for the Rays (60-83) in the seventh.

Toronto starter Francisco Liriano allowed two runs on three hits while walking two and striking out six through 6-1/3.

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ANTHEM PROTEST

Losing sponsors won't stop Bronco

Broncos linebacker Brandon Marshall says he'll kneel again for the national anthem even though he lost a second endorsement deal for joining Colin Kaepernick's protest of social injustice.

CenturyLink said Monday that the company respects Marshall's right to express his beliefs but feels the national anthem was an inappropriate venue. So, CenturyLink terminated its six-week-old deal with Marshall, who lost his endorsement with Air Academy Federal Credit Union on Friday.

Brandon Marshall
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NFL IN BRIEF

RG3's season potentially over with shoulder injury

Cleveland's quarterback curse claimed another victim.

Robert Griffin III will miss at least eight games — and potentially the season — after breaking a bone in his left shoulder during his regular-season debut with the Browns on Sunday.

Griffin, the 25th quarterback to start for the Browns since 1999, got hurt while trying to run out of bounds in the fourth quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARGOS

LeFevour gets start at QB over Willy

Drew Willy won't be starting against his former team Saturday night.

The veteran quarterback joined the Toronto Argonauts on Monday after being acquired from Winnipeg the night before. The Argos visit the Bombers this weekend but head coach Scott Milanovich says Dan LeFevour will make a second straight start for the squad.

ON TAP
LeFevour led Toronto to a 33-21 home win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Sunday night. He threw for 329 yards and a touchdown.

With incumbent Ricky Ray nursing a fractured rib and partially deflated lung, Toronto landed Willy from Winnipeg for defensive back T.J. Heath, a 2017 first-round pick and a 2018 third-round selection.

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Ezequiel Carrera crosses the plate after hitting his homer.
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Toronto welcomes big names of beach

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

World Tour Finals bring Olympic heroes to Polson Pier

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It's not every day a Canadian beach volleyball player gets to compete in a major tournament on home soil.

Josh Binstock has that opportunity this week with an added bonus: He'll dig into sand in his hometown.

Nearing the end of his career, the 35-year-old from Toronto says playing in the Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals — being held at Polson Pier — is a gift he won't take for granted.

"This is definitely a very exciting opportunity," Binstock said. "I don't get to play in front of friends and family in general, so the fact that it's one of biggest tournaments of the year, it's super exciting.

"It's huge having them there. The people close to you, that have supported you your whole career and watched the sacrifices you've gone through, to have them personally right there is like … having a third man there for beach volleyball."

HOW TO WATCH

The World Tour Finals at Polson Pier is free to attend on a first come, first serve basis.

The Swatch Beach Volleyball Major Series event runs from Tuesday to Sunday. It's the first tournament of its calibre to be held in Canada since the Quebec Open in 2011.

Four Canadian teams will be among the main draw's 24. The winning teams will take home $100,000 cheques.

Binstock figures he and partner Sam Schachter will certainly factor into that mix. The duo has reached the podium on four occasions — with one gold medal — on the World Tour and is eager to erase a "bittersweet" memory of Rio, where Binstock said they played well overall but failed to advance from the group stage.

"Hopefully we can mimic that performance here but have a different result," he said.

Canada fielded four teams in Rio — only Brazil, the United States and the Netherlands also achieved that feat. It was a far cry from Beijing in 2008 when Canada went unrepresented, and London 2012 when only Binstock and Martin Reader donned the Maple Leaf on the beach.

"When you think of beach volleyball powers, you typically don't think of Canada as one of them but we were one of four countries to put four teams in the Olympics," said Ed Drakich, the director of high-performance beach volleyball in Canada.

"Where we are now is a totally different place from where we were a few years ago. We have more depth of talent and they go out to tournaments to compete and win medals. That's quite a positive development for us."

Ben Saxton and Chaim Schalk make up Canada's other men's team at the World Tour Finals. The Albertans have won a pair of medals this year.

Kristina Valjas and Jamie Broder will compete on the women's side with Canada's final entry in the main draw to be determined. Heather Bansley and Brandie Wilkerson will take on Sarah Pavan and Melissa Humana-Paredes on Tuesday at 5 p.m. for that spot.

"It's massive for Canada to host a tournament of this magnitude," Binstock said. "Volleyball in general, I think, is at an all time high.

"The momentum is just rolling and the ball is getting bigger. It's an exciting time to be a part of volleyball in Canada."

Josh Binstock, top, and Sam Schachter represented Canada on the beach in Rio. QUINN ROONEY/GETTY IMAGES

Olympic champions Laura Ludwig, from left, and Kira Walkenhorst from Germany and Alison Conte Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt from Brazil will compete this week in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

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World Cup a boon for fans: Sportscaster

HOCKEY

Showcase tournament has fair share of skeptics

There seems to be a fair bit of negativity surrounding the World Cup of Hockey, as there is heading into most big sporting events these days.

The tournament, being held for the third time — and the first time in 12 years — feels like a made-up event with a pair of Frankenstein teams wrapped in a strange tournament structure. And there were numerous stories of players developing the WCoH flu just to skip the event.

It has been hard to miss the over-the-top marketing with the silly "Who owns hockey?" tag line, although that's miles better than the initial commercial that ended with Sidney Crosby uttering the cringe-inducing "Hockey invented Canada" kicker.

All that said, this is a showcase tournament that may eventually be able to carve out a space as one of the best times of the year for North American sports fans, although it will have to compete with baseball pennant races and the start of the NFL season.

David Amber, coming off his excellent showing at the Olympics, will have an expanded role on Hockey Night in Canada this year, hosting the late Saturday games. He is currently hosting the 12 pre-World Cup games, and will shift to shooting features during the tournament's 17 games.

PUCK DROP The tournament officially gets under way with round-robin play starting on Saturday.

Hockey Night in Canada's David Amber is excited to see Auston Matthews, left, and Connor McDavid play together on Team North America. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I am actually pretty excited and I say that genuinely after seeing the first batch of games," Amber said. "I understand if there's some level of skepticism — 'It's still the summer, why are we playing hockey' — I get all of that, but it's a great opportunity for hockey fans. When are you going to get a chance to see Connor McDavid, Auston Matthews and Jack Eichel all play on the same team? And maybe all on the same power play at the same time? This is your opportunity for that."

> **Having talked to the players, they are not messing around.**
> David Amber

Beyond the intensity of the pre-tourney games, he knows the players who are here are into it.

"For all the naysayers, I can tell you, having talked to the players, they are not messing around. They are here voluntarily and want to do well because they are representing their countries. In talking to Connor McDavid, and Auston Matthews, they want to sort of emerge on the NHL scene to some degree and show that they are right there with the best players in the world. It's a great opportunity to do that."

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Lukaku caps hat trick in 11 minutes

Romelu Lukaku fired an 11-minute hat trick to end his 11-game Premier League scoring drought in style as Everton beat Sunderland 3-0 on Monday.

The Belgium striker struck with 60th and 68th-minute headers and then completed his hat trick with 19 minutes remaining in Sunderland to condemn former Toffees boss David Moyes to a third defeat in four matches this season.

Lukaku broke through for Everton when Idrissa Gueye crossed from the right and he rose unopposed to head past Sunderland goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

The Belgian rattled the crossbar after turning smartly four minutes later, but made sure of victory when summer signing Yannick Bolasie picked him out unmarked at the far post.

The home side's misery was complete in the 71st when Lukaku helped himself to a third after Kevin Mirallas had played him through on Pickford.

Revitalized under Ronald Koeman, unbeaten Everton has 10 points, the same as second-placed Chelsea.

Sunderland is 19th with a single point.

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Romelu Lukaku GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Wambach faces truth about using alcohol, drugs

Abby Wambach says she abused alcohol and prescription drugs for years until her arrest for driving under the influence in April.

"I was stubborn and I was in denial," soccer's most prolific international goal scorer told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "I didn't want to face the truth."

The retired U.S. national team star recounts her career in her new memoir, Forward. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roughriders drop Mitchell from practice roster

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have released Khalif Mitchell, saying it would be difficult for the controversial defensive lineman to get into playing shape this season.

Mitchell hasn't played since being released by the Montreal Alouettes in June 2015, a month after he was fined over anti-Semitic posts on his Twitter account, which included a link to a Holocaust denial video. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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We can still eat like its summer, right? This light, juicy burger helps keep the sunny season going — at least on our plates.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 lb ground chicken
- 2 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1 Tbsp lemon zest
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 egg, whisked
- 1/2 onion, finely minced
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 wholewheat rolls
- toppings like lettuce, tomatoes, goat cheese

Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix together the meat, thyme, zest, juice, egg, bread crumbs, onions, mustard and salt and pepper. Using your hands, form the mixture into 4 x ¾ inch-thick patties.

2. Heat up pan or barbecue. Add a drop of vegetable oil to the pan if you're cooking them on the stove. Cook the patties over medium/high heat for about 5 minutes on each side. You want the internal temperature to reach165 and 170 Fahrenheit.

3. Top your buns with whatever your family likes but we highly recommend goat cheese.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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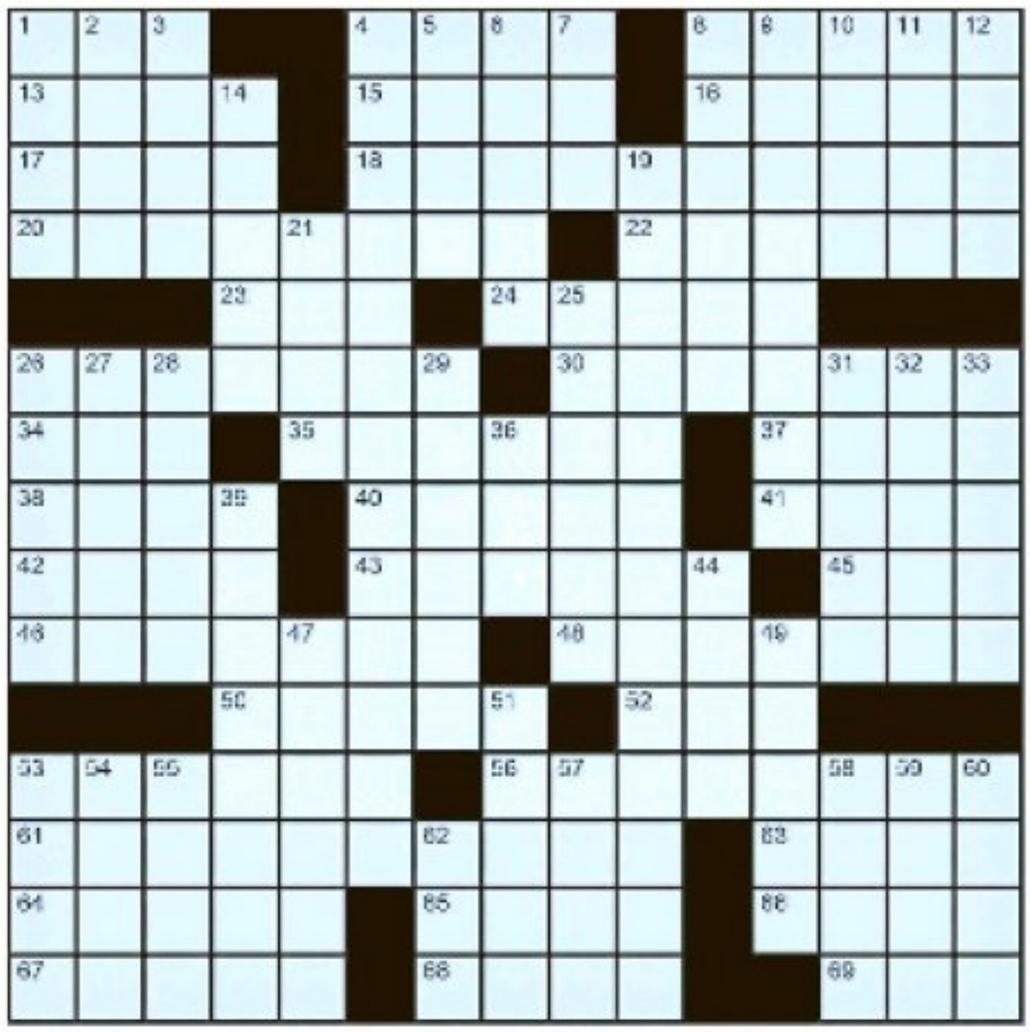

ACROSS
1. Brand of pet food, __ Kan
4. Military band's magnificence
8. Rock band, Death Cab for __
13. Discharge
15. Bring up
16. Fragment of __ __ to Maia by poet John Keats
17. Doozy
18. It's a splash all-year-round in a mansion: 2 wds.
20. Organisms in the pond
22. In a tidy way
23. Nautical rope
24. "Ahoy, __!"
26. Opinions
30. Media personality Maria of the Kennedy Clan
34. UN agcy. for workers
35. Little wave
37. Ms. Campbell
38. Comic actor Mr. DeLuise's
40. Sparkle
41. Brand of garbage bag
42. 'E' in QED
43. Spanish Conquistador, __ Cortes (b.1485 - d.1547)
45. Nero's 1501
46. Ms. Fabray of 1975 to 1984 sitcom "One Day at a Time"
48. Officially adorned as a princess
50. "Growing __"
52. American Hunter publisher [acronym]
53. 1970s folk singer Harry
56. Mother Teresa's new canonized title, Saint Teresa of __
61. Arm & Hammer product: 2 wds.
63. Weaving machine
64. Spark of light
65. Welcoming
66. Beautiful outfit of flowing fabric
67. Belonging to Bob's classic 'roads movies' co-star
68. Essential
69. Cacophony

DOWN
1. Seaweed variety
2. Russia/China border river
3. "__ & Stitch" (2002)
4. Throwing punches for money
5. Prefix meaning 'Wine'
6. 2003 Madeleine Albright book, __ Secretary: A Memoir
7. In favour
8. Profession
9. Like some intern positions
10. Horn honk!
11. British rocker Billy
12. Conger-like
14. Ice cream flavour, __ Frutti
19. Where Labrador is situated as part of Newfoundland: 3 wds.
21. Court hearing
25. Tilted
26. President Obama's VP
27. Gorge village of southwestern Ontario
28. Arthur Miller salesman Willy
29. Near-the-stomach organ
31. Scooby-Doo! One of Shaggy's sleuthing pals
32. Circumvent
33. Made over
36. For each
39. Moving oneself forward on foot
44. Drug bust officer, briefly
47. Tarnishes
49. Actor Mr. Julia's
51. Listerine competitor
53. Venue in The Big Apple where the Talking Heads played
54. Nickname of Nova Scotia's cap.
55. Comparable
57. Suffix with 'Chick'
58. It's an amphibian
59. Ms. Spelling
60. Cole Porter's "I __ __ Love"
62. Chris, to Peter Griffin on "Family Guy"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Use tact and diplomacy to avoid conflict with others at work today! Silly errors and delays at work might be part of this picture.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Parents must be patient with their kids today; likewise, romantic partners must be patient with each other. In sports, fights and accidents are likely.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Domestic tension on the home front is likely today, especially with a parent or an authority figure. Instead, use your feisty energy to work on home repairs and DIY projects.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mercury retrograde is wreaking havoc in your life, causing transportation delays and mixed-up communications. This could be the reason that you are short-tempered with others today. Chill out.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Arguments about money and possessions are likely today. Don't throw your weight around. Remember that you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today the Sun is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars. This makes you aggressive, quick to bark and quick to anger. Your best friend will be your own patience. Remember this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something going on behind the scenes might bother you today. Because you feel generally disgruntled, you will be impatient with others. Do your best to stay calm.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A fight with a friend or a member of a group might break out today, especially about money, funding or a particular possession. You gain nothing by fighting with anyone, right?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
An authority figure might get your goat today. If so, do not sound off, because this could cost you in the long run. Instead, go out for a jog or a bike ride. You love the outdoors!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they quickly will disintegrate into arguments. Ego conflicts are taking place everywhere!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Disputes about inheritances and shared property are likely today. Don't get involved, because this will resolve nothing. Stay frosty.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
An argument with your partner or close friend might break out today because of sheer impatience and frustration. But what will this gain? It won't improve anything.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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